

Richfield Township Zoning Commission
March 9, 2023
Regular Meeting at 6:30pm

The meeting was opened at 6:32 pm by Mr. Gentner, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited with the following in attendance:

Dwayne Gentner, Chair
Patti Dorsett, Vice Chair
Steve Donaldson, Member

Hamid Homae, Member
Garrett Kinshaw, Alternate Member

Also Present:

Patricia Ryan, Zoning Inspector

Mr. Gentner expressed condolences for the family of former Zoning Commission member Mark Totten who passed away recently.

AGENDA REQUESTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion items for this meeting were chickens/roosters and dirt stockpiles.

Mr. Gentner first reviewed a Power Point presentation for stockpiles (see attached). Mr. Gentner noted the Commission may be interested in regulating height, area and material as well as volume. Small temporary piles for residential properties that have planting material delivered for immediate use is not a concern.

Ms. Ryan stated the Summit County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) handles soil disturbances encompassing a footprint of 1 acre or more but does not regulate height. The Summit County Engineer (SCE) has a grading permit. Ms. Ryan said she would call to get more information on the permit and who would need to apply.

Mr. Gentner said we would need a definition as well.

Secondly, Mr. Gentner reviewed a Power Point presentation pertaining to chickens and roosters (see attached). He cited areas of the zoning resolution that pertain to animals and reviewed the proposed state legislation.

After discussion the Commission decided that due to chickens and roosters currently not being an issue in the township, they did not feel any major changes were needed at this time but may consider some minor ones.

Ms. Ryan stated the major issue she has seen in other communities is from the chickens roaming into neighbor's yards. All animals should be confined to the property where they are housed.

MINUTES:

Ms. Dorsett made a motion to approve the minutes from February 9, 2023 as written. Mr. Donaldson seconded. All members present voted to approve. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Having no other business, Ms. Dorsett made a motion to adjourn at 7:37pm. Mr. Homae seconded. All voted aye, motion passed 5-0-0

Chairperson Doris M. D. Secretary Patricia Ryan Date 4/13/23